

REMARKS

The Declaration is indicated as being defective for not having the date entered for one of the co-inventors. In a telephone conversation with the Examiner on June 17, 2003, I was instructed to obtain a dated signature from the one co-inventor and to fax that copy to the Examiner. Accordingly, that copy is being faxed to the Examiner on this date, June 19, 2003, and a copy thereof is enclosed herewith.

The Drawings are objected to under 35 C.F.R. 1.83(a). The applicants are submitting a proposed modified Figure 4, with the additions indicated in red. Following the Examiner's approval of these proposed changes, a formal drawing will be submitted to incorporate these changes.

The specification has been objected to for certain misspellings. Those informalities have been accordingly corrected.

Claims 14, 33 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, and claims 12, 14, 17, 29, 33, 36 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Those claims have been accordingly amended to correct the informalities.

In view of the above amendments, the applicants believe that all of the objections and rejections have been overcome. A reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections and a passing of the case to issue is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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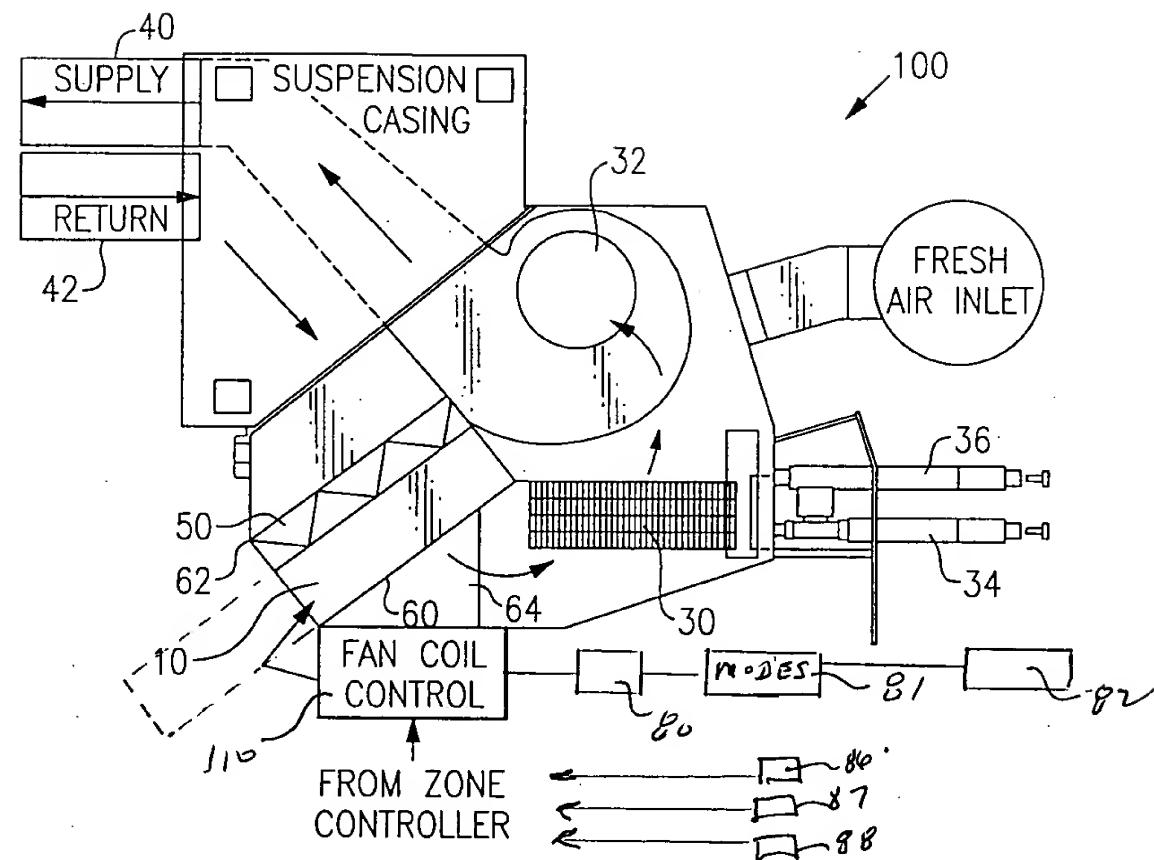


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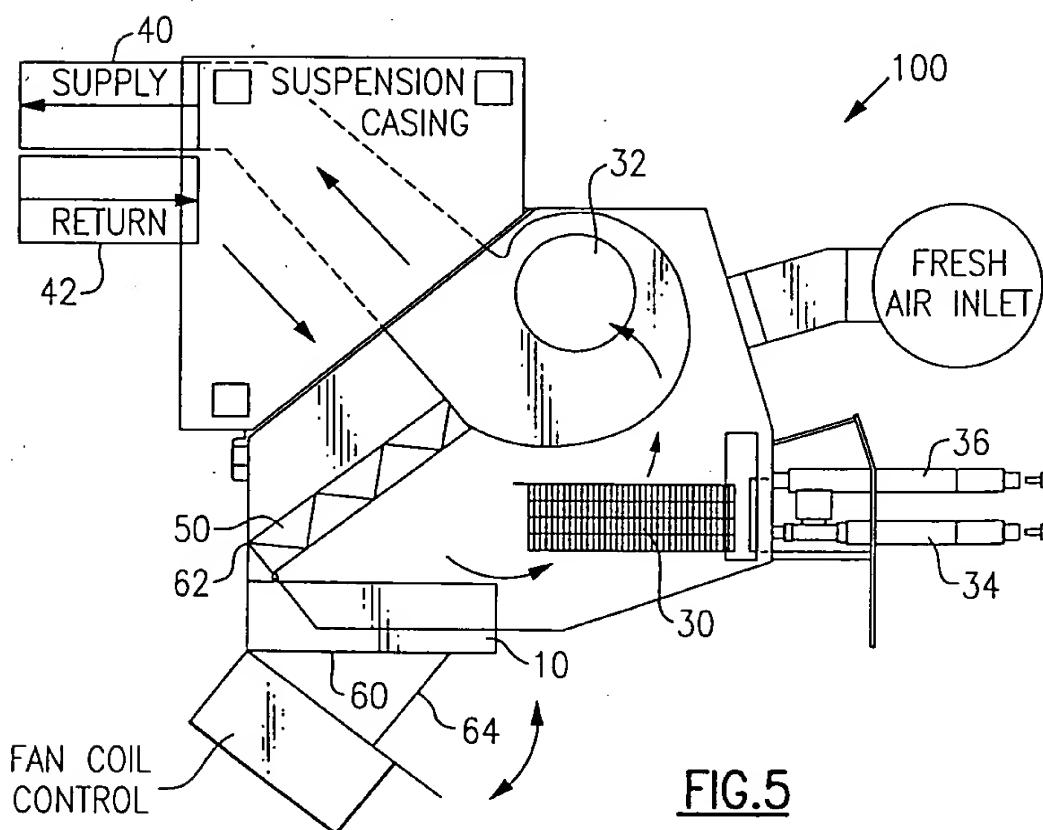


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